ON THE SPIRE

Parilling Incident in the Life of James Freeman Clarke.

When James Freeman Clarke was a young man he visited Salisbury, England. Here the beautiful cathe dral lifts its spire 404 feet into the air. The spire is topped by a ball, and on the ball stands a cross. From the ground the ball looks like an orange, but its diameter is really greater than a man's height.

Workmen were repairing the spire. Mr. Clarke saw them crawling round the slim steeple in the golden afternoon like bugs on a bean stalk. The impulse came to him to climb the spire and stand on the horizontal beam of the cross. Accordingly at dusk. when the workmen had left, the young American slipped in and made his way up the stairs to the little window which opened to the workmen's staging. To run up the scaffolding to the ball was easy. Then came the slightly more bulging curve of the ball. short platform gave him foothold. He reached up, put his hands on the base of the cross and pulled himself up. To gain the cross arm was merely "shinning" up a good sized tree, and soon he stood on the horizontal timber and, reaching up, touched the top of

After enjoying his moment of exaltation he slid to the foot of the cross, and, with his arms round the post, slipped down over the great abdomen of the ball. His feet touched nothing. The little plank from which he had reached up was not there!

Here was a peril and one for a cool head and sure eye. Of course he could ot look down. The hugging hold that he had to keep on the bottom of the ross shortened the reach of his body and made it less than when he had stood on the plank and reached up to the cross with his hands. He must drop so that his feet should meet the lank, for he would never be able to pull himself back if he should let himself down at arms' length, and his feet hung over empty air.

Now his good head began to work. He looked up at the cross and tried to recall exactly the angle at which he had reached for it, to make his memory tell him just how the edge of that square post had appeared. A few nches to the right or to the left would mean dropping into vacancy.

Bending his head away back, he

strained his eye up the cross and figured his angle of approach. He cauand made up his mind that here directly under his feet must be the plank. en he dropped. The world knows that he lived to tell the tale.

PICTURESQUE ALGIERS.

All Its Streets Are Staircases, and All Are Safe.

Here is a pretty pictue of Algiers by Frances E. Nesbitt: "Now it is possible to go safely into even the darkest and remotest corners, and they are dark indeed. A first visit leaves one breathless, but delighted-breathless, cause all the streets are staircases on a more or less imposing scale—the longest is said to have at least 500 steps; delightful, because at every turn there is sure to be something unusual to a stranger's eye. The newer stairs are wide and straight and very uninteresting, but only turn into any old street and follow its windings in and out between white walls, under arches, through gloomy passages, here a few stairs, there a gentle incline, always up and always the cool deep

shade leading to the crigar blue of the

"Being so narrow and so steep, there are, of course, no camels and no carts, Donkeys do all the work and trot up and down with the strangest loads, though porters carry furniture and most of the biggest things. Up and down these streets comes an endless variety of figures-town and country Arabs, spahis in their gay uniforms, French soldiers, Italian workmen, children in vivid colors, Jewesses with heads and chins swathed in dark wrap-

"Interesting beyond all these are the Arab women flitting like ghosts from one shadowy corner to another, the folds of their baicks concealing all the giories of their indoor dress, so that in the street the only sign of riches lies in the daintiness of the French shoes and the fact that the haick is pure silk and the little vell over the face of a finer material,"--Chicago News.

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"Did your husband ever bet on s winning horse?"

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Honesty sometimes keeps a man from growing rich and civility from being witty.-Selden.

Ambition.

When Margaret Green was about seven Her plans and her specifications Of the man who should share all her jo

and her care Were accurate, nice calculations. Miss Margaret said, "The man that I wed Must be tall and aesthetic and curving. The popular rage on the matines stage. With a name like Montgomery Irvang.

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whose name Was Tennyson Keats Shelley-Byron. In a year or so more-she was then twen-

It was Margaret's dearest ambition To marry a Pole with less money than

Ten years-how they fly!-went glimmer

ing by, And Margaret came to be thirty. She still was a miss in her singular bliss, But no longer coquettish and flirty.

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